

The Radical leaders of Detroit celebrated the proclamation of the fifteenth amendment on Thursday last by refusing to ride with their colored brethren. Profusion vs. practice.

GEN. JOSEPH H. LEWIS, who was a gallant Brigadier in the C. S. A., has been nominated for Congress in the Third Congressional District of Kentucky, vice Goldaday. His disabilities have been removed.

The local elections in Illinois this spring show a decided gain for the Democracy, and a corresponding loss to Radicalism. And this, notwithstanding the Radicals, in most cases, voted all the negroes they could find. In New York the same fact was observable, while the Connecticut election spoke in thunder tones the voice of an outraged and indignant people.

A Popular Man. Some days ago, in the Virginia House of Delegates, one John Hill, a Democrat, was nominated for County Judge of Buckingham, when a white Radical at once endorsed him, and the colored Radical delegate from that county said he was the choice of everybody in Buckingham. A similar scene occurred in the Senate, and the result was that everybody voted for him. "So much for Buckingham!" and John Hill. The case deserves a record, for it proves that there is something and somebody upon which and whom Southern Democrats and Radicals, "white folks and niggers," can unite.

Political Effect of the Fifteenth Amendment.

There is no doubt of the fact that the Fifteenth Amendment has been pushed forward and made a part of the Constitution of the country, illegally and violently, in order to save the waning fortunes of the Radical party. So fully are the Radical papers impressed with the belief that the colored vote will go en masse for their party that they are busy calculating the probability of redeeming the few Northern and Western States now held by the Democratic party. The following table is published by the New York Tribune, showing approximately the number of negroes who have been added to the voting population of the States named therein, under the operation of the Fifteenth Amendment:

States.	Negro population.	New voters.
Alabama.	1,086,000	681,000
Arkansas.	8,627	1,138
California.	2,627	627
Delaware.	1,437	1,437
Florida.	1,437	1,437
Georgia.	1,437	1,437
Iowa.	1,000	39,361
Kentucky.	1,327	221
Michigan.	1,000	1,000
Minnesota.	253	93
Mississippi.	1,000	1,000
Montana.	25,396	5,226
New Hampshire.	49,000	5,167
New Jersey.	42,112	6,112
New York.	128	128
Ohio.	66,749	9,775
Pennsylvania.	709	118
Rhode Island.	1,171	157
Texas.	1,171	157
Wisconsin.	1,171	157

With the exception of Kentucky and Maryland, colored voters will constitute but an insignificant element in these States, and to hold them firmly to the Radical party such concessions, even to the holding of office, must continually be made that will cost the party dearly for the aid which they will bring. If these concessions are denied there will be no security for their faithfulness.

But already we see the outcroppings of disaffection at the North. While the Radical leaders are anxious to secure the numerical strength of the colored votes, they are fearful of the prejudices which it may arouse among the whites. In fact the leading Radical paper of Cincinnati advises the colored people of that city to be careful to which party they give their hearty support. If they desire to have that influence as citizens to which they are entitled—they should not join either as a unit, but to vote as their judgment led them to believe was for their best interest. In speaking of the recent election in St. Louis, the Democrat (the leading Radical organ of the State) says:

"As a natural remembrance of the long and bitter past, the great majority of them (the negroes) voted the Republican ticket, but there were some exceptions. These men are now citizens, and most of them are dependent upon their daily earnings. They feel in a peculiar manner the hardship of taxation, especially that taxation which increases the cost of living. Their votes hereafter must be influenced by this as well as other considerations, and, having common interests with their fellow-citizens of all parties, they will naturally be guided by the best lights they can obtain, and will vote like other people for those measures which they deem best calculated to advance their own interests."

This may be all honest, it certainly is very good advice, but it is just a little unusual and very unnatural for party organs to advise any class of voters not to support their party. It looks very much as if they were fearful that the prejudices of the whites might lose them more votes than they would make by the united support of the few blacks resident in the Northern States.

But really it is not to be supposed that the colored people will long remain in the ranks of one party. There is no more reason that they should do so than that all the whites should attach themselves to the other. We see that the blacks of Cincinnati have resolved to vote against "protection." This is one step towards separating themselves from the Radical party. The negroes of the South have got no father in the political vocabulary than to learn the meaning of the words "vote," "office" and "election." Nothing would be more natural than that this class of men, who are all laborers, should continue to vote solidly for the party which makes them pay two and three prices for all they eat and wear in order to protect the manufacturers of the North, whose interests are antagonistic to the mechanics and laborers of the South and West. When influences now existing have passed away, and the colored voters are controlled by causes which operate upon other people, they will refuse to be oppressively taxed for the benefit of the wealthy Northern bond-holder and manufacturer. Their real interests cannot long

be hid behind appeals to their prejudices. Their fealty to party will vanish in presence of the enormous cost at which it is maintained.

Viewed the political field in connection with the Fifteenth Amendment in any light we may, and those leaders and papers that have looked only for benefits to the Radical party under its operations have reckoned without their host. We take it that the struggle between the parties will continue as before, and it will be found that the influence of the new voting population will make little difference in the result. The gains in one locality to one or the other party will be counterbalanced by losses elsewhere. The early future will develop the influence of the colored vote upon national politics.

Spring Fair. We direct attention to the communication of Col. S. L. Fremont, President of the Cape Fear Agricultural Association, in regard to the holding of a Spring Fair. Similar exhibitions are to take place in Charleston and Augusta.

We believe we can promise the active co-operation of the Executive Committee if it is the desire of the people to have such a Fair.

Western Railroad—A. J. Jones.

We publish in full the testimony of Mr. A. J. Jones, President of the Western Railroad before the Bragg-Phillips Investigating Committee, with extracts from the evidence of other parties bearing thereon.

WESTERN RAILROAD COMPANY.

BALTIMORE, March 28, 1870. Examination of A. J. Jones, who is President of the Western Railroad Company and has been since the 5th of April, 1869.

I have examined the statement by the Treasurer of the State, furnished to the Committee, and now shown to me.

Between the 15th and 25th of June, 1869, I received from the Treasurer 1,320 State bonds, each for the sum of \$1,000, dated 1st April, 1869. These bonds were issued by the State of North Carolina, and were to be paid in 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 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